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SUBJ: ANTHRACITE FINES IMPORTED INTO WESTERN EUROPE

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CONGEN ASCERTAINED GIAN IMPORTER OF RUSSIAN ANTHRACITE
COAL FINES IS ETABLISSEMENTEN ANTOINE VLOEBERGHES,
ITALIELEI 92-94, 2000 ANTWERP (CONTACT MR. LODEWIJCKX).

VLOEBERGHES A MAJOR COAL IMPORTER IN ANTWERP IS CONTROLLED BY
BELGIAN BUNKERING CO.,A FIRM WHICH HAS A MINOR PARTICIPATION
IN NAFTA-B, A CORPORATION QUASI OWNED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
USSR AND A LARGE IMPORTER OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM RUSSIA.

IT WAS FURTHER ASCERTAINED THAT THE SHIPMENT IN QUESTION IS A
TRIAL SHIPMENT OF RELATIVE SMALL QUANTITY. BTU RANGE IS SAID
TO BE LOWER THAN THE ONE QUOTED IN REF AIRGRAM (14,300-15,300)
WHILE THE ASH RANGE IS SAID TO BE HIGHER THAN THE QUOTED 7-8
PERCENT. THE PRICE PER TON DELIVERED AT ANTWERP IS SAID TO BE
CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN THE QUOTED 30 DOLLAR.

THE INDIAN ANTHRACITE COAL FINES ARE BEING IMPORTED BY BELGIAN
BRITISH COAL CO (BELBRICO) , GROENPLAATS 2000 ANTWERP (CONTACT
MR. MERWEDE, MANAGING DIRECTOR), ANOTHER MAJOR COAL IMPORTER
IN ANTWERP.

AGAIN IT CONCERNS A TRIAL SHIPMENT WHICH MIGHT BE UNLOADED AT
GHENT RATHER THAN AT ANTWERP.NO EXACT INFORMATION COULD BE
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OBTAINED REGARDING PRICES OR QUALITY.BOTH COMPANIES ARE SUPPLIERS

TO ENERGY PRODUCERS IN WESTERN EUROPE.
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